



MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION 10.45 am Sunday 4 August 2019

In attendance: 63
 Apologies: 28

Chairperson: Margaret Cargill
 Secretary: Christine Secombe

1. WELCOME

In opening the meeting and welcoming those present, Margaret

- acknowledged that we meet on the land of the Kaurna people,
- thanked all those who had helped in setting up and preparing for the meeting,
- highlighted the muffin morning tea, thanked the Beyond Morialta Mission Project Team and other helpers for the day, and reminded those present to make their donations,
- drew attention to the papers before them, noting that these are the same as those distributed by email, with the addition of the paper *Identifying our Mission Priorities for Moving Forward – 2019*, and
- invited members to record their attendance and any apologies they may know of on the sheets on the tables.

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Refer Attachment 1

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the agenda and that the order of business be as the agenda:

1. Welcome, acknowledgment of land, and attendance
2. Confirmation of agenda
3. Confirmation of minutes of meetings of 31 March and 2 June 2019
4. Mission in Action:
 - 4.1. Minister's Reflections
 - 4.2. Chairperson's Reflections
5. Wider Church Reports
 - 5.1. Magill Inter-Church Council
 - 5.2. Presbytery restructure update
6. Resourcing and enabling Mission
 - 6.1. Treasurer's report, including Financial Report as at 30 June 2019
 - 6.2. Property
 - 6.2.1. Church
 - 6.2.2. Manse
7. Discerning mission priorities
8. Close

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The meeting **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** the minutes of the meeting held 31 March 2019 and the special meeting held 2 June 2019.

4. MISSION IN ACTION

4.1. Minister's Reflections

Rev Bob Hutchinson began by recalling that he has been two years in placement here at Morialta and feels it a privilege to enter into our lives and share ministry here in this place, particularly through pastoral visits in hospital, nursing homes and private homes, phone calls and text messages and over coffee.

Bob spoke of

- Leading worship at both services; working with all who contribute to worship services; themed services through Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter; SP@CE going into recess; his appreciation of the depth and variety of preachers also leading services.
- The small group that gathers on first and third Tuesdays at Hibernia for conversation (themed or informal); the excitement and reward of leading an *Introduction to Christianity session* with those who attend the English Class; sharing his trip to Iceland at Pot Luck Tea.
- Beginning to see changes and developments emerge, marked by early signs of change in mindsets and outlook, and the reviews of playgroup, the library and pastoral care.

Bob affirmed the congregation's elected officers and team leaders, acknowledged Gaynor Hallow's work as Treasurer and Helena Begg's retirement, and highlighted that Annette Latham brings a new and different set of gifts and skills to the role of Administrative Coordinator.

Bob concluded by sharing that he continues to work through the challenge of the nomination journey for the role of Moderator, that he finds Morialta a vibrant congregation and community, and prays that we continue to engage in mission and ministry where God is leading.

Bob's report was carried with acclaim.

4.2. Chairperson's Reflections

Margaret signalled that she is looking back, to remember and celebrate our life together and that there are several invitations to 'watch this space' in her reflections.

- Lunch on Chapel, the Community Library and the Men's Shed are featured in the Synod's campaign *More than Just Sunday*. Margaret thanked Peter Thornley for fixing the banner to the front of the complex and John Secombe for playing the video as we entered the hall.
- Annette Latham has been welcomed into the role of Administrative Coordinator and is learning the ropes day by day. Annette brings a raft of extra skills and interests that we look forward to taking advantage of in several ways -
 - 1) looking at things with new eyes and seeing things we don't see any more, including new opportunities;
 - 2) website management skills and experience, plus publicity material skills.

Watch this space!

- Reviews:
 - Library
Council has endorsed the recommendation of the review committee that the Library will continue, with renewed emphasis on its role as a Community Library, providing both spiritual and secular resources.
Oversight of the Library and actioning the review recommendations sits with the Community Centre Mission Ministry Team and day-to-day management will be provided by Library Committee.
Some fine-tuning of finance arrangements is still in train and when finalised, report will be released to the congregation.
 - Pastoral Care
Margaret reported great after-church conversations and reminded the meeting that questionnaires are due today.
Watch this space!
- Newly enhanced/updated database for storing and using congregational information.
Margaret's thanks to John Secombe for the very many hours he has spent installing updates, migrating data, and managing the processes to decide how Morialta will define and use the many new possibilities offered was carried with acclaim.
Margaret pointed out that as our Sunday morning rosters can now be prepared automatically via the database it is vital that the information we submit to be entered is correct, and on time and signalled that members will be hearing from the Administration Operational Ministry Team about making sure everyone is happy with the privacy settings for their information on the database – in line with the Synod's recent updating of privacy settings for church office bearers.
Watch this space!
- Synod has also introduced new requirements for police checks – as of 1 July. This comes out of the recent Royal Commission and is designed to give us a best-practice way of ensuring children and other vulnerable people are safe in our churches.
Watch this space for more!
- Many folk have been involved in joining in lots of aspects of God's presence and action in our world – packing day; warm clothes for Magill Lodge; playgroups (3 new families recently!); 45 at Lunch on Chapel last week; President inviting us all to join action for climate – Climate Strike 20 September.
Watch this space!
- Margaret concluded with an invitation to remember and celebrate the past, and at the same time be brave and committed to moving forward in the way of Jesus.

5. WIDER CHURCH REPORTS

5.1. Magill Interchurch Council

Margaret reported that the restructure mentioned at the last meeting of the congregation is in train and a report will be brought to the December meeting.

5.2. Presbytery restructure update

Bob and Margaret reported that the Presbytery of South Australia was dissolved at the Synod meeting held 29 June and two presbyteries were established, the Transitional Presbytery of South Australia and Generate Presbytery. Discernment continues on the shape of the geographic Presbyteries that will be formed at the November Synod meeting. Previously elected representatives will continue to serve on the Transitional Presbytery, with new elections to take place at our December meeting.

Malcolm Wilson, Chair of the Transitional Presbytery has sent an email of welcome in which he reports that a key objective of the Presbytery is “to build community through effective communication strategies and platforms”.

Malcolm’s email includes an invitation to a meeting of the Presbytery on Saturday 21 September and a reminder that as Presbytery meetings are open meetings, congregational members are welcome to attend Presbytery meetings as a non-voting participant.

6. RESOURCING AND ENABLING MISSION

6.1. Treasurer’s report, including financial reports as at 31 June 2019

In speaking to his report John Thornton alerted members that although the deficit to the end of June is less than that budgeted, there are storms ahead in terms of Morialta’s finances with the impact of an ageing demographic on income and fundraising and that professional services will need to be purchased for tasks performed now by volunteers

Assets	
Cash at Bank	17,242.15
Cash Investments	98,368.55
TOTAL ASSETS	115,610.70
Liabilities	
Tax Liabilities (GST)	(3,201.79)
Property Liabilities (Bonds)	475.00
Work of the Wider Church	347.00
Youth & Young Adults	1,371.73
Stonework repairs grant	680.16)
Employment provisions (Lay)	6,735.32
Sinking Fund	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,407.42
TOTAL EQUITY	109,203.28

Balance Sheet to 30 June 2019

John reported that the proceeds for distribution to beneficiaries of the sale of the property at 10 College Drive were \$157,409.03, are held in the Synod’s Balance Sheet and interest is paid quarterly into our account. These funds are accessible by Morialta.

Income and Expenditure, January to June 2019

Refer to the summary of income and expenditure below and to the Profit & Loss reports as circulated for the detail.

Income, Expenditure & Budget to 30 June 2019			
	Amount	Budget	\$ Difference
Total Income	114,401.78	112,165.00	2,236.78
Total Expense	141,376.73	159,722.00	(18,345.27)
Operating Profit	(\$26,974.95)	(\$47,557.00)	\$20,582.05

Margaret thanked John for his report and the Finance Operational Ministry Team for their ongoing stewardship of Morialta’s funds.

6.2. Property

6.2.1.Church

Chris Ayles opened his report with a reminder that the UCA Property Trust (SA) is the owner of the properties and we are the custodians.

As such, there is an obligation for periodic inspections of the 26 Chapel Street site and the Property Operational Ministry Team (POMT) has overseen Synod’s recommendation of an engineering audit of the church building. This was undertaken on Monday 22 July.

There are ongoing conversations about

- effective and efficient dispersal of rainwater around the church building and the probable cost of any remediation work, and
- the state of the stained glass windows in the church and the cost of their repair.

6.2.2. Manse

Chris Ayles reported:

- plumbing – fractured pipes, concrete removal from paths and under carport
- paths – slumping away from house footings, moving and causing tripping hazards
- pergola – rotting frame and uneven brick-paved floor, carport extension
- ceiling – cracks in three rooms
- range hood – cooking triggers smoke alarm
- lighting – kitchen is dim, possible skylight
- repair costs – in the order of \$30,000 - \$50,000
- POMT and Business Committee have examined five options
 - sell the manse and buy another property in the vicinity
 - sell the manse, purchase a block of land and build a new manse
 - sell the manse and rent appropriate accommodation for the minister and family
 - demolish the current manse and build a new one on the site
 - repair and retain the current manse.
- the Engineer who audited the church building will be engaged to conduct an inspection of the manse.
If the building is found to be sound, it will be repaired and retained.
If not, the other options will be reassessed.
- Church Council at its July meeting resolved that subject to there being no critical issues identified in the church structural audit report, the manse issues will be resolved before those in the church.

Margaret thanked Chris for his report and his leadership of the Property Operational Ministry Team and thanked the members of the team.

6.2.3. Discerning mission priorities

Margaret reflected that some of the issues of the first half of the year are resolved, some continue to unfold and she senses real warmth towards what is being informally named a 'Scenario 2 future' involving 'Scenario 2 thinking'. The clarity of that future is developing -

A Magill Village Community Centre Hub, actively welcoming folk across cultures and age-groups, and offering a range of programs including worship.

Margaret offered an invitation to join the small group formed to set up some processes for moving forwards and advised that the group will meet soon.

Margaret pointed members to the vision statement that encapsulates our vision for moving forward –

Morialta Uniting Church seeks to be an inclusive community that holds to the way of Jesus, expressed through love, service and hospitality.

We offer, for all ages, learning opportunities, spiritual expression, action for justice and social connection.

We understand the Chapel St properties to be a community resource.

We can work towards

- being explicit about our values, ethos and a welcome to those looking to move beyond literalist interpretations of the faith
- continuing to consider the sustainability of how we do things, as affected by member capacity, WH&S requirements, finances, and availability of willing leadership
- boosting volunteer numbers – invite a friend!
- building the love! Supporting with warm words and gentleness even when action isn't feasible!

7. MEETING CLOSE

There being no other business, Margaret again thanked everyone who had helped with the meeting, acknowledged birthdays celebrated over recent days, and thanked members for their participation. Margaret declared the meeting closed at 12.00 noon and concluded with prayer and a blessing.

Next meeting, 10.45 am Sunday 8 December 2019

MORIALTA UNITING CHURCH

Living Streams - Giving Life

Diary Dates

Sunday	18 August	12.30 pm	Guess who's coming to lunch
Saturday	24 August	7.00 pm	Morialta Quiz night
Sunday	25 August	5.00 pm	Refugee and Migrant Sunday Pot Luck Tea
Sunday	22 September	5.00 pm	Pot Luck Tea
Sunday	29 September	2pm-4pm	Adelaide Connection Jazz Choir
Tuesday	17 September	2 pm	Over 80s afternoon tea
Saturday	23 November	All day	Mighty Magill Christmas Market
Sunday	8 December	10.45 am	Meeting of the congregation

Meeting of Congregation 2 June 2019	Attachment	1.
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ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Ray Clogg	Doreen Matheson	Merv Boundy	Steve Begg
Margaret Clogg	John Dear	Margaret Boundy	Colin Sampson
Jan Thornton	Doris Dear	Vanajr	Dawn Colegrove
Helena Begg	Ervine McCormack	Sam Colegrove	Margaret Whibley
Jenny Hancock	Betty McCormack	Mary Watson	Roger Whibley
Jill Kerr	Jan Schroeder	Bruce Ind	Matthew Mackenzie
Annette Latham	Jey Edwards	Anne Ind	Katrina Mackenzie
John Thornton	Jenny Swanbury	Bev Tredrea	Lachlan Mackenzie
Margaret Dix	Ruth Pitt	Doug Hosking	Barbara Buckton
Kath Cheel	Kingsley Stephens	Bob Hutchinson	Graham Buckton
Ruth Carter	Helen Stephens	Colin Cargill	Arlene Lomman
Elva Prosser	Marie Elson	David Purling	Robert Cheel
Aileen James	Joan Wagner	Judith Purling	Averil Nash
Valerie Whittle	Gaynor Hallows	John Secombe	Joan Morrison
Jing Luo	Pam Ayles	Eileen Hale	Christine Garner
Carole Lyons	Chris Ayles	Alan Hale	Ruth Wise
Margaret Pittman	Lesley Tideman	Marion Beard	Pauline Norman
Peter Thornley	Arthur Tideman	John Beard	Rob Webbe
Barb Sullivan	Adam Yearsley	Sharon Mackenzie	Margaret Webbe
Fay Goldsworthy	Tiffany Winn	Craig Mackenzie	Jennie Hosking
Yvette Piller	Margaret Cargill	Christine Secombe	John Drew
			Helen Drew
			Ruth Dunning
			Brian Corrigan
			Dale Corrigan
			Rhonda Amber
			Brian Hogben
			Mary Thornley